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SUBJ: NEW DANISH AMBASSADOR ON GUINEA-BISSAU

SUMMARY: TSCHERNING WARNS THAT CONTRARY TO HIS
ADVICE EFFORT BY GON AND NORTHERN TIER PERSUADE GOP
NEGOTIATE WITH INSURGENTS IS IMMINENT. ALSO EXPRESSES
STRONG HOPE US WILL MAKE KNOWN INTENTION TO VETO
ADMISSION OF GUINEA-(B) IN UNSC BEFORE VOTE IN UNGA.
END SUMMARY.

1. NEW DANISH AMBASSADOR ADAM TOBIAS TSCHERNING WHO
HAS LONG EXPERIENCE DANISH FONOFF PAID COURTESY CALL
ON ME YESTERDAY. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT GON AND NORTHERN
TIER, UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM LEFT AND YOUTH IN
ALL PARTIES, WERE VERY CLOSE TO MAKING A COLLECTIVE
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EFFORT PERSUADE GOP END AFRICAN CRISIS BY NEGOTIATING

WITH INSURGENTS. CLEAR IMPLICATION WOULD BE THAT UNLESS GOP MADE THIS EFFORT GON AND NORTHERN TIER WOULD BE FORCED RECOGNIZE GUINEA-(B) AND VOTE FOR ITS ADMISSION UN. TSCHERNING CONVINCED THAT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW RECENT EVENTS, THIS DEMARCHE NOT ONLY UNPRODUCTIVE BUT WILL ONLY STIFFEN BACK OF GOP BUT HAS MADE NO HEADWAY WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. HE ASKED ME IF US COMMITTED TO UNSC VETO OF GUINEA-(B) ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP AND IF SO WHEN THIS INTENTION WOULD BE MADE KNOWN. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO EITHER QUESTION, ALTHOUGH US HAD MADE NO SECRET OF ITS OPPOSITION TO ADMISSION OF GUINEA-(B) AS NOT POSSESSING LEGAL ATTRIBUTES OF A NATION. HE SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT QUESTION WOULD FIRST COME UP IN UNGA ON RES TO RECOMMEND TO UNSC ADMISSION OF GUINEA-(B). HE SAID GON AND NORTHERN TIER GROUP GIVE GREAT WEIGHT TO LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT GUINEA-(B) NOT A STATE AND NOT ENTITLED TO EITHER RECOGNITION OR UN ADMISSION BUT ARE HARD PRESSED DOMESTICALLY. IF, IN ADDITION TO LEGAL ARGUMENT, THEY COULD SAY THAT THEIR VOTE FOR ADMISSION WOULD BE FUTILE IN VIEW IMPENDING US VETO, GROUP MIGHT AT LEAST ABSTAIN. HE ASKED ME FOR NO COMMENT AND I MERELY SAID I UNDERSTOOD HIS POINT.

3. COMMENT: ON FIRST MEETING TSCHERNING STRUCK ME AS INTELLIGENT, FRANK AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMENTS HIS PROPOSED UNGA TACTICS. END COMMENT.
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